

Bremerton Police Department

Interoffice Memo

To: Lt M. Davis

From: Sgt. K. Meade

Date: December 20, 2016

Re: B16-009808

On December 16, 2016, I was working overtime for Sgt Crane on dayshift. Sgt Crane requested I follow up on the above reference case number. I was informed the owner of Penn Plaza had reported a burglary to the business and he had suspect information.

I read the intial report and drove to 4130 West "F" Street in unincorporated Kitsap County. I found the address did not exist so I performed an area check of the local houses and surrounding streets. I did not locate the suspect vehicle.

I called the reporting party, Paul McConkey, later that same evening. McConkey was not happy he had not received an update on the investigation. I informed him of my findings. He stated he had video evidence. I offered to have the video collected but advised I was going off duty and it would be another officer who would collect it. He wanted to know if he should just return to Penn Plaza and wait for an officer, I told him he could do that if he wanted. He stated he would bring the video in on December 17, the next morning.

McConkey stated a neighbor to 4130 West "F" Street had seen his theft information on social media. McConkey stated he would have that neighbor call him if they saw the suspect vehicle return. McConkey stated the people who took the tank were tenants of his and had permission to be on the property at the time they just did not have permission to take the tank. I forwarded the report back to Officer Vansantford for follow up to collect the names of the tenants from McConkey.

I returned to work on December 19, 2016 and was contacted by Lt. Davis who requested I call McConkey about the incident. I called McConkey who was upset I did not tell him the police department was closed on Saturday. I told him he should have just called 911 to report he was at the office to drop off evidence. After a short pause, McConkey stated he had actually spoken with an Officer on Saturday. The officer advised him the video would not be looked at until Monday. McConkey stated he dropped the video off and it was at the front desk. He gave me the impression he dropped it off on Saturday with the Officer and it was at the front desk.

I informed McConkey the registered address for the vehicle was not the address he provided and the address he provided was not valid but we could perform area checks to look for the vehicle. I told him the best bet for locating the vehicle on "F" street was his neighbor connection. There was a long pause and I asked if I could assist him further. He hung up.

I drove to the central office and spoke with Officer VanSantford who advised McConkey had not dropped the video off on Saturday as he had implied but had just dropped it off on Monday December 20, 2016. I had Officer Vansantford review the video for further evidence but was informed the video did not show anyone with enough detail for identification purposes. I asked about contacting McConkey about his tenant list but was informed McConkey was now insisting he did not know the people at all.

I spoke with Lt. Davis about the issue and informed him the case was coming to an end absent 1) sending someone to the suspects listed address out of county, 2) pending a call from McConkey's neighbors who were watching for the suspect vehicle or 3) McConkey providing the names of the tenants he believed responsible. I also informed Lt. Davis about McConkey recanting his knowledge of the person who took the tank and accessed his property. This ended my involvement with the case until I was asked to write a statement.

Sgt Meade